IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: THOMPSON, Michael O. et al. Conf.:

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For: ADDRESSING OF MEMORY MATRIX

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

July 6, 2001

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

8. (Amended) A method according to claim 7, characterized by the controlled voltage increment and voltage decrement being equal to each other.

REMARKS

The Amendment to the claims is merely to delete multiple dependencies and to place the application into better form for examination. Entry of the present amendment and favorable action on the above-identified application are earnestly solicited.

Attached hereto is a marked-up copy of the changes made to the application by this Amendment.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

The claims have been amended as follows:

8. (Amended) A method according to [claim 8] $\underline{\text{claim }7}$, characterized by the controlled voltage increment and voltage decrement being equal to each other.